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Momma Trudeau hosts a BBQ

FUNDRAISER Over 130 mission heads, diplomatic staff, and their families joined WaterCan's honorary president Margaret Trudeau at the second annual Great Canadian Barbecue and Picnic yesterday evening at the Billings Estate National Historic Site.

For the past 15 years, Ottawa's international missions have raised over \$1 million for WaterCan through the charity's annual gala fundraiser — The Embassy Dinner.

WaterCan executive director Gary Plum said the barbecue is a way of thanking their international supporters with a real Canadian-style barbecue picnic.

This year WaterCan will be conducting water, sanitation and hygiene education sessions in 59 schools in Eastern Africa.

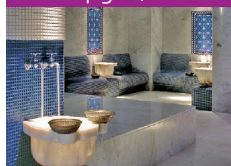
Last March, WaterCan was awarded \$2.11 million over three years from the Canadian International Development Agency for water and sanitation projects in Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania.

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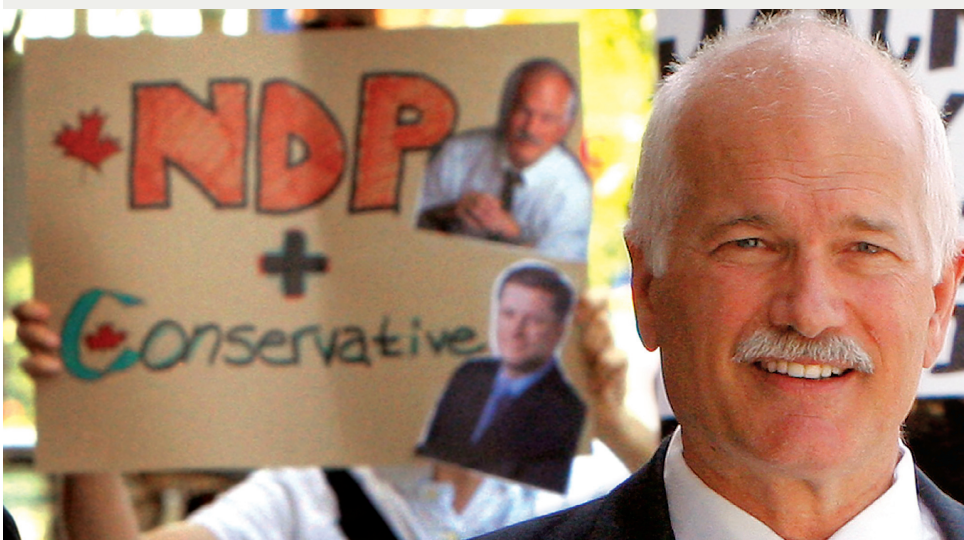
Crosby aims for gold

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Elegance in Winnipeg spa

Parliament Hill **Layton and Harper meet up**



Protesters follow New Democratic Party Leader Jack Layton as he arrives at the Langevin Block to meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa yesterday. Harper is trying to avoid going to the polls. **Story, page 4.**

McGuinty to sell HST to fellow Grits

Premier aims to promote controversial tax among MPPs

Premier Dalton McGuinty will today deliver the hard sell to some of the people most fearful of the new harmonized sales tax — Liberal MPPs worried about their jobs.

McGuinty will use an extraordinary caucus meeting being held this morning at the First Canadian Place offices of the Toronto Board of Trade to deliver a pointed presentation on how critical the HST is to Ontario's economic future.

Sources told the Toronto Star the premier and Revenue Minister John Wilkin-

"If they can't give me a 30-second sound bite on why this is a good thing to do then I'm screwed."

Unnamed worried Liberal MPP

son will show MPPs — some of whom are fretting about losing their seats in the 2011 election over the 13 per cent tax — polling data and other information to allay concerns.

After a summer of struggling to explain the rationale behind the tax to constituents, and now facing a key Sept. 17 byelection in

Toronto that is shaping up as an HST referendum, Liberal MPPs are skittish.

"If they can't give me a 30-second sound bite on why this is a good thing to do then I'm screwed," confided one Liberal MPP in a vulnerable seat.

The melding of the eight per cent provincial sales tax with the five per cent feder-

al GST, which takes effect July 1, is designed to cut the costs for business by streamlining the system and placing more of the burden on consumers.

In London, Ont., yesterday, McGuinty acknowledged some blowback over the HST — including from within party ranks.

"Not a lot of folks are raising it with me, but I think there are some concerns — that's fair to say. People are wondering about the necessity of doing it," he told reporters.

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Robbery victim out of coma

CRIME Now that she has woken from a medically induced coma, the victim of a brutal robbery in Orleans last week has provided police with a description of her assailants.

The Ottawa Police Robbery Unit is asking for information related to two black males in their early 20s who fled the scene in a full-size, dark-coloured vehicle.

The victim described the passenger of the vehicle as being around six feet tall with a muscular build. He was wearing a basketball jersey at the time of the robbery.

They have dismissed previous witness information pertaining to a light-coloured sports car as a result of the interview with the victim.

Natalie Galipeau, 31, was left hospitalized with severe head trauma and multiple skull fractures after she was found unconscious a short distance from her house around 9 p.m. on Aug. 18.

Galipeau was reportedly meeting with someone interested in purchasing a gold bracelet she had listed on a local online auction sight. The bracelet is still missing.

The victim is now expected to make a full recovery.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

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Green Fleet options get public viewing at city hall this morning

Mayor Larry O'Brien, Transportation Committee chair Maria McRae and Public Works general manager John Manconi will be showing-off the city's recently purchased and potential green vehicle technologies and equipment to help reduce the city's corporate greenhouse gas emissions this morning at city hall. **METRO OTTAWA**

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Local



Classic Air Rallye marks milestones

Only a few lucky people witnessed J.A.D. McCurdy's Silver Dart flying off a frozen lake at Baddeck, N.S., in February 1909, but thousands can celebrate the many aviation milestones that have been reached in Canada since then at the fourth annual Ottawa Classic Air Rallye this weekend at the Canada Aviation Museum. **METRO OTTAWA**



Panthers walk with dinosaurs in soccer fundraiser

SHOWS The Ottawa Girls U13 Elite Panthers have teamed up with some old, old, old friends to raise money for the soccer team's trip to Europe next summer.

The Panthers are hustling to raise money towards the \$50,000 cost of attending next July's week-long Gothia Cup in Gothenburg, Sweden. The girls would spend another week touring the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium.

As part of their fundraising, the team has been selling tickets to this week's performances of Walking With Dinosaurs — The Arena Spectacular.

Walking with Dinosaurs will perform eight shows at Scotiabank Place, starting tonight at 7 p.m. with a final show Sunday at 4 p.m.

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Taking measure of Canadians' health

Mobile clinics to hit 16 locations countrywide, collecting key information in study

STEVE COLLINS
for Metro Ottawa

Statistics Canada is rolling into town with two special mobile clinic trailers, where 350 randomly selected Ottawa area residents will be interviewed, weighed, pinched with calipers and tested for chronic, infectious and environmental illnesses.

It's all part of the Cana-

an Health Measures Survey, the most comprehensive study of Canadians' health ever undertaken. In the first cycle, 5,600 Canadians were interviewed and tested. In this second cycle, they hope 5,700 will participate.

"We will be visiting 16 places like this in Canada in the next two years to collect key information relevant to the health of Canadians," said Jeanine Boustros, director of StatsCan's physical

Stepping up

- About 70 per cent have agreed to the household interview, and of those, 85 per cent have agreed to follow up at the clinics.

health measures division.

The process begins with home interviews, where participants are quizzed on a variety of health factors, including nutrition, smok-

ing, and alcohol intake.

The next stage is a visit to one of StatsCan's mobile clinics for physical measurements, fitness assessments, and blood and urine samples to test for heart health, infectious disease and environmental contaminants. These tests take two or three hours. Once the tests are done and samples taken, participants are sent home with two devices.

The first is a physical ac-

tivity monitor, to be worn on a belt during waking hours for seven days. It measures physical activity patterns and body movements, including swimming (it's waterproof).

The second is an indoor air sampler, a small cylinder that measures substances like benzene, methane and ethanol in household air.

Boustros said she's pleased so far with the cooperation of participants.



In an apparent protest yesterday of the provincial government's handling of the the pork industry crisis, seven piglets were left outside the constituency offices of Premier Dalton McGuinty and Food and Rural Affairs Minister Leona Dombrowsky. The animals were eventually moved to a foster farm.

Protesters leave piglets for premier

The Ottawa Humane Society was called in to round up a farrow of piglets that was abandoned outside Premier Dalton McGuinty's Kilborne Avenue constituency office yesterday morning.

The seven piglets, all only a few weeks old, were discovered at around 7:15 a.m., in a makeshift pen constructed from plywood, with some food and water for the animals and bedding

scattered over the sidewalk.

However, the pen left the piglets with no access to any shade to escape the sun.

The pigs were accompanied by posters and letters accusing McGuinty and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister Leona Dombrowsky of causing a crisis in the hog farming industry.

Seven piglets were also left in front of Dombrowsky's constituency of-

fice in Belleville.

Dombrowsky's spokesperson, Kelly Synnott, said they acknowledged the pork industry is experiencing challenges and they are working with the Canadian Pork Council and the federal government to address the concerns, but she said abandoning piglets as a protest tactic is not an acceptable way to treat animals.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

News in brief

CHARGES A 21-year-old from Minneapolis and a 17-year-old have been arrested after a Bank of Montreal branch on Smyth Road was robbed on Monday afternoon. At about 12:50 p.m. a lone male entered the bank and produced a note demanding cash. The man left empty-hand-

ed and was seen getting into a vehicle. Police stopped the vehicle a short time later and two suspects were taken into custody. Mohamed Farah, 21, and the 17-year-old were charged separately with attempted robbery, conspiracy, and intimidation. **METRO OTTAWA**

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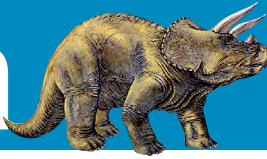




Former U.S. president George W. Bush will be travelling to Montreal in October for a speaking engagement, CBC News Online reports. Bush is scheduled to speak Oct. 22 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Bush heads to Quebec

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Jurassic Park revisited?

After years spent hunting for the buried remains of prehistoric animals, a Canadian paleontologist now plans to manipulate chicken embryos to show he can create a dinosaur, reports say. Hans Larsson, the Canada Research Chair in Macro Evolution at McGill University, said he aims to develop dinosaur traits that disappeared millions of years ago in birds. Larsson believes by flipping certain genetic levers during a chicken embryo's development, he can reproduce the dinosaur anatomy. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

News in brief

HEALTH Hip fracture rates have declined among the elderly for a variety of reasons, but the disabling injury is still a major health threat as populations age, Canadian researchers said yesterday. A steady year-over-year decline in fracture rates since 1985 predates widespread use of drugs used to treat osteoporosis and preserve bone density, the researchers said.

NATIVE AFFAIRS AIDS is spreading faster among Canada's aboriginal people than in the general population, and a strong cultural stigma and links to rising drug use make the problem difficult to solve.

REUTERS

JENKINS CASE The investigation into Jasmine Fiore's death isn't over, but police say Calgary reality TV star Ryan Jenkins — who was found Sunday in Hope, B.C., after apparently committing suicide — is still the only suspect in her murder.

METRO CANADA

Russia Space training



Guy Laliberté prepares for exercises during a training session outside Moscow yesterday. The Canadian billionaire, the owner of Cirque du Soleil, is on the countdown to become the world's seventh, and Canada's first, space tourist slated to travel to the International Space Station in September.

PM meets NDP boss

Talk comes after Grit leader mulls forcing vote

Prime Minister Stephen Harper was meeting with the head of an opposition party yesterday afternoon as political leaders mulled whether to risk forcing an early election in coming months.

Harper issued the invitation to Jack Layton, leader of the New Democratic Party, after Layton suggested last month that they talk before Parliament returns from its summer break.

The governing Conservative party has only a minority of seats in the House of Commons and needs the support of one of the three opposition parties to stay in power.

The Conservatives are sending out the message that the country's economic recovery is too fragile to

"We could have an election without endangering anything at all."

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff

risk holding another election campaign and possibly changing the government so soon after last October's vote.

"We're hearing the Canadian public telling us this is a very dangerous time to have an election," Harper spokesman Dimitri Soudas said.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, told the Montreal newspaper Le Devoir in an interview published Monday that an election at this

point would not create any instability.

"We could have an election without endangering anything at all. You could even say it would be good for the country, but that's another story," Ignatieff said.

However, he added that he was still mulling whether to try to pull the plug on the government, asking himself whether the Liberal party was ready, whether this would be in the national interest, and whether it was possible to continue working with the Conservatives.

The topic will be front and centre when the Liberal caucus meets in Sudbury, Ont., next week. Most recent opinion polls show neither have a clear chance of victory. **REUTERS**

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Tobacco will kill six million: Report

Tobacco use will kill six million people next year from cancer, heart disease, emphysema and a range of other ills, the American Cancer Society said in a report issued yesterday. **REUTERS**



World



Legal blunder lets porn be sold to kids

British retailers who sell children violent or pornographic videos will be immune from prosecution for the next three months after the discovery of a government blunder 25 years ago. Britain should have notified the European Commission of the existence of the Video Recordings Act 1984 — which regulated the industry — but failed to do so. The discovery of the omission means the VRA is not enforceable in U.K. courts. In the interim, people will be able to sell pornographic and violent videos to children under the age of 18 without fear of prosecution. **REUTERS**

Blast kills 40 as race runs tight

AFGHANISTAN With early results yesterday showing Afghanistan's presidential race neck-and-neck, a massive truck bomb that killed 40 civilians and wounded 60 in Kandahar showed the scale of problems facing the eventual winner. The blast took place shortly after dusk as Afghans across the country were breaking their daily fast in the holy Muslim month of Ramadan. There was confusion over whether the explosion was from one big truck bomb or a series of smaller, simultaneous devices. Provincial Governor Ahmed Wali Karzai told Reuters that 40 people were killed and more than 60 wounded, all civilians. Earlier, the first partial results from last Thursday's election had President Hamid Karzai and his main rival running neck-and-neck, suggesting a race headed for a runoff. **REUTERS**

Marriage rights bill in Mali faces protests

Mali's top Islamic body urged President Amadou Toumani Toure yesterday not to sign a new family code boosting women's rights in marriage, pointing to mass protests against it in the mostly Muslim African state.

The code, which won the backing of parliament this month, would throw out a previous clause that a woman should obey her husband, as well as equalize inheritance rights between legitimate and illegitimate children. "Signing this into law would go against the will of most of this country's over 80 per cent of Muslims," said Mohamed Kimbiri,

secretary of the High Islamic Council.

Kimbiri said further protests through the country were planned after a rally through the capital Mabako at the weekend drew some 50,000 demonstrators.

"That was the biggest march ever organized — even the marches of March 26, 1991, did not mobilize as many people," he said of protests which brought down the dictatorship of General Moussa Traore.

Cotton-producing Mali is one of the poorest countries in the world. While it is predominantly Muslim, it has a secular constitution. **REUTERS**

Philippines Militant arrested



Dinno Amor Pareja is escorted to jail in Metro Manila yesterday. Philippine National Police said Pareja, believed to be the new leader of Rajah Solaiman Movement, a local militant cell composed with links to the Abu Sayyaf, Jemaah Islamiya and al-Qaida, was arrested in the southern Philippines. **REUTERS**

Runner returns to South Africa

GENDER CONTROVERSY World champion South African runner Caster Semenya, whose victory has been overshadowed by a gender testing controversy, returned home to a heroine's welcome yesterday. Furious South Africans have accused the International Association of Athletics Federations of everything from racism to imperialism for ordering a gender test after her rapid improvement raised suspicions. Semenya, who won the women's world 800-metres title in Berlin last week, was greeted by thousands at Johannesburg's airport. **REUTERS**

News in brief

FEDERAL RESERVE U.S. President Barack Obama nominated Ben Bernanke to a second term as Federal Reserve chairman Tuesday, aiming for

continuity at a time when the U.S. economy is breaking free from a deep recession. The decision, while widely expected, was welcomed by financial

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Greek opposition attacks government over fires

CRITICISM Greece's socialist opposition leader said the government had mishandled the fighting of fires that tore through Athens suburbs, destroyed thousands of hectares of forest and forced thousands to flee their homes.

"These fires must put an end to an inefficient state, which winks at lawless-

ness and illegality," socialist opposition leader George Papandreou said.

"This fire was not inevitable, it could have been avoided had the lessons of 2007 been learned."

Likely to face voters early next year, the conservative government said very strong winds had made it difficult to fight fires in

east Attica where swathes of forest and more than 150 homes were destroyed.

Media also criticized the government's handling of the fires, which have now been contained.

In 2007 the worst Greek blazes in living memory killed 65 people, mainly in the Peloponnese peninsula. **REUTERS**

Muslim woman could be exempt from caning

A Malaysian Islamic appeals court judge has ordered a review of the caning sentence for a woman caught drinking alcohol, paving the way for her to be exempted from the punishment.

Women's Minister Shahrizat Jilil said yesterday that the Chief Appeals Judge for the Islamic courts in the eastern state of Pahang had deferred the caning pending a review of the sentence handed down by a lower court.

Kartika Sari Dewi Shukarno, a 32-year-old mother of two, had already received a temporary reprieve on Monday when a state government official said her punishment would not be carried out until after the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. The Muslim holy month started on Saturday.

She was to have become the first woman in the Southeast Asian country to be caned under rarely enforced Islamic criminal laws.

Instead of appealing the sentence, Kartika had asked that it be carried out in public, triggering a debate over the use of Islamic laws in the moderate Muslim country.

She was sentenced to six strokes of the cane and a fine after getting caught by Islamic enforcement officials drinking beer at a hotel lounge two years ago. **REUTERS**

Shariah

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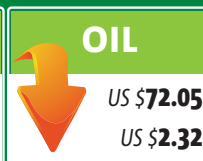
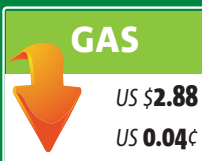
HONDURAS The de facto government in power in Honduras since a June military coup vowed yesterday to stick to a plan to hold a presidential election in November, even if other countries don't recognize the result. **REUTERS**

BMO reports better-than-expected Q2

Bank of Montreal said yesterday its quarterly profit rose 6.9 per cent, surpassing expectations, as it set aside less money to cover bad loans and trading revenue surged. **REUTERS**

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Business



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New EI claims down in June

More Canadians received Employment Insurance benefits in June compared with the month before, but the number of new claims also fell sharply — a sign that the worst of the recession may have passed.

In June, 816,630 people collected EI benefits, up 5.1 per cent from May and up 73.1 per cent year over year, from June, 2008, Statistics Canada said yesterday.

The biggest increases came in Alberta, British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

At the same time, initial and renewal claims received in June fell by 7.9 per cent. That's the largest drop since the job market and the economy turned sour last October.

Claims fell in all provinces and territories, with the exception of Ontario, which saw a slight

Beneficiaries

- In another potentially positive sign, the number of EI beneficiaries rose more slowly in the second quarter of this year compared with the first three months, 18.8 per cent versus 25.2 per cent.

increase of 0.9 per cent.

"We are still in 'the worst of times.' Every month, tens of thousands more Canadians are laid off than can find new jobs," United Steelworkers economist Erin Weir wrote in a report yesterday.

"The better news is that new benefit claims declined sharply, albeit from an all-time record high. While hardly 'the best of times,' this revelation provides hope that Canada's labour market is getting worse more slowly."

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Germany says GM still considering Opel sale

AUTO Germany believes the management of General Motors is still committed to finding a buyer for its European unit Opel, government officials said yesterday after talks with the U.S. automaker in Berlin.

At a meeting on Friday, GM's board of directors postponed a decision on management's proposals to relinquish a controlling stake in Opel either to Canadian automotive group Magna or Belgium-based finance investor RHJ.

A GM source told Reuters on Monday the company was considering a third alternative that

would see it inject billions into Opel to hold onto the company, although people close to the talks believe this is a bargaining tactic.

The formerly bankrupt U.S. carmaker, which is a ward of the state, would need to raise 1.5 billion euros alone just to pay back Berlin's bridge loan before it then can raise enough money to fund Opel's operations until it generates cash itself.

After yesterday's meeting, however, GM's management board "had made it clear" it was still interested in a buyer, a German official said. **REUTERS**

Glaxo may be eyeing Human Genome

HEALTH Human Genome Sciences Inc. shares rose nearly 12 per cent yesterday on renewed chatter that GlaxoSmithKline Plc. was set to pay a healthy premium for the company to gain full control of the promising lupus drug Benlysta.

Human Genome shares soared in mid-July after it released late-stage clinical

data showing a significant improvement of lupus symptoms in patients taking the drug that many observers had written off.

It has been several decades since a new lupus treatment was approved in a field littered with failures. The complex disease causes the immune system to attack the body's own tissues and organs. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

BANK OF CANADA Canada's recession most likely ended in the third quarter, the Bank of Canada said yesterday, voicing cautious optimism but also sounding a warning about possible persistent Canadian

dollar strength. Deputy governor Timothy Lane said Canada is "likely to experience positive growth this quarter, and a gradual closing of the output gap by the middle of 2011." But he noted that a good deal

of the recovery so far had come from official action, and he said there was a risk that private demand would not emerge as fast as desired.

INTERNET U.S. Internet powerhouse Yahoo said yesterday it

is acquiring Maktoob.com, one of the Arab world's largest online portals, making Yahoo available in Arabic. Yahoo has around 44 million users in the Middle East and North Africa region per month. **REUTERS**



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Sports

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Crosby goes from fan to phenom

Star aims to help repeat outcome of 2002 Games

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada

When the Canadian men's hockey team won gold at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Sidney Crosby celebrated as a fan like the rest of us.

"At the time you felt so lucky to witness that," said Crosby after practising on a line with Jarome Iginla and Rick Nash for the second straight day at Team Canada's orientation camp in Calgary. "To see the whole country celebrate the way they did, it was pretty awesome."

Four years later, Crosby was well on his way to a 102-point campaign as a rookie forward with the Pittsburgh Penguins, but that still didn't earn him a spot on

Team Canada for the 2006 Games in Turin, Italy.

"Never in a million years would I have thought my name would be considered for that team," Crosby said. "When I wasn't there, it wasn't a huge shock. I was really young and still had a lot to prove."

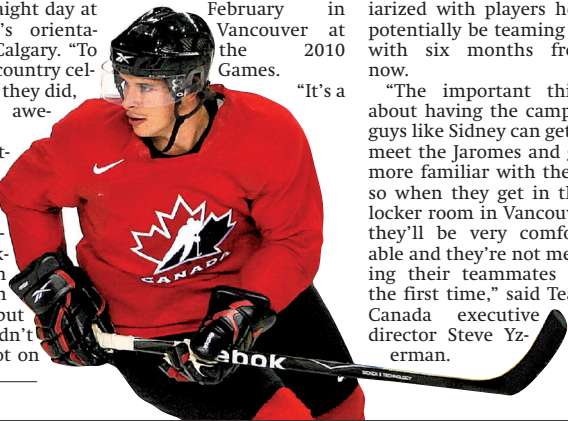
Fresh off of a Stanley Cup championship with the Penguins, Crosby has his sights set on helping lead Canada to gold next February in Vancouver at the 2010 Games.

"It's a

once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be in the Olympics in your home country," said Crosby, who realizes there will be tremendous pressure on Canada to rebound from a seventh-place showing four years ago. "That's to be expected. If anything, it should be helping as far as motivation and making sure that guys are full of energy."

The orientation camp will help Crosby get familiarized with players he'll potentially be teaming up with six months from now.

"The important thing about having the camp is guys like Sidney can get to meet the Jaromes and get more familiar with them, so when they get in that locker room in Vancouver they'll be very comfortable and they're not meeting their teammates for the first time," said Team Canada executive director Steve Zeman.



Sidney Crosby

After Reinsdorf bails, NHL joins hunt for Coyotes

HOCKEY Another day, another round of stunning plot twists in the Phoenix Coyotes bankruptcy soap opera.

And yesterday's surprise developments have created a doozy of a cliffhanger going into the Sept. 10 auction for the team.

Chicago sports mogul Jerry Reinsdorf, the NHL's preferred bidder for the franchise, is now out of the running, dropping his bid yesterday because he couldn't work out an arena

lease with the City of Glendale, the Phoenix suburb that the Coyotes call home.

So, seemingly desperate to keep the Coyotes out of the hands of Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie, the NHL has stepped up and submitted its own bid for the team. The league has made an as-yet unknown offer for the Coyotes, with plans to flip the team "to a third party outside of bankruptcy."

In a statement, deputy commissioner Bill Daly

called it "an effort to maximize the likelihood that the club ultimately will be sold to an acceptable purchaser who is committed to operating the franchise in Glendale."

Balsillie filed an amended bid for the team earlier this week, restating his offer of \$212.5 million US for the club. If successful, the Research in Motion co-CEO would move the team to Hamilton to play out of Copps Coliseum.

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL Carlos Pena hit a pair of two-run homers to continue his recent tear and help the Tampa Bay Rays top the Toronto Blue Jays, 7-3, in the middle contest of a three-game series in Toronto last night.

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SOCCER Premier League West Ham United beat London rivals Millwall 3-1 after extra time in

the League Cup second round on Tuesday in a match marred by crowd disturbances before and during the game. Before kickoff hundreds of fans clashed close to West Ham's stadium, according to a Metropolitan Police spokesman. A 44-year-old man was taken to hospital with a stab wound while there were two arrests. **REUTERS**

SOCCER Venus and Serena Williams, who have combined for 18 Grand Slam singles titles on the WTA Tour, were announced as limited partners of the Dolphins franchise. The sisters become the first African-American females to hold any ownership stake in an NFL franchise.

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Federer, Safina are top seeds

Five-times defending champion Roger Federer and Russian Dinara Safina will be the top seeds at the U.S. Open when it begins next Monday, the U.S. Tennis Association said yesterday.

Tournament organizers followed the ATP and WTA rankings to determine the men's and women's singles seeds. The draw for the two-week event will be announced tomorrow.

Federer, winner of the 2009 French Open and Wimbledon titles, is the top seed at the U.S. Open for the fifth time. The Swiss is seeded ahead of No. 2 Andy Murray, Australian Open champion Rafael Nadal at No. 3, Novak Djokovic, and Andy Roddick.

The 28-year-old Federer, who has won four titles this year, became the sixth man to complete the career Grand Slam following his triumph at Roland Garros in June.

Safina is followed by No. 2 seed and defending champion Serena Williams, her sister Venus Williams at No. 3, 2008 Beijing Olympics singles gold medalist Elena Dementieva and 2008 U.S. Open runner-up Jelena Jankovic.

The 23-year-old Safina has won three titles this year, including her back-to-back victories at Rome and Madrid. But the Russian is 0-3 in grand slam finals.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

BASEBALL New York Mets ace Johan Santana will undergo surgery to have bone chips removed from his left elbow and will miss the remainder of the season. Santana posted a record of 13-9 with a 3.13 earned run average in 25 starts this season, his second with the Mets.

BASEBALL Billy Wagner has agreed to waive his no-trade clause and will go to the Boston Red Sox in a waiver deal with the New York Mets. The Mets will receive two players to be named later and the Red Sox will pay the remainder of Wagner's salary.

NBA The Cleveland Cavaliers signed second-round pick swingman Danny Green yesterday. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

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Metro Workology exclusive: Backstage Pass

In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be focusing on the part of the entertainment industry that you DON'T see. Backstage Pass will focus on the careers behind the camera and the curtain. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work every day.

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Workology

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Seismic testing

Three Canadian environmental groups have filed a lawsuit against the minister of Fisheries and Oceans, minister of Foreign Affairs, and New York-based Columbia University in an attempt to prevent a U.S. research project involving seismic tests in a marine protected area 250 kilometres southwest of Vancouver Island. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Creative problem-solving

RAF BRUSILOV
For Metro Canada



For Anne Tait, the journey to producing the Iron Road was a long and winding one indeed.

In fact, it was nine years long; though the endlessly energetic Tait is no stranger to arduous challenges.

The Toronto-born casting director, writer, director, broadcaster and producer has already mastered many roles in a long career in the entertainment industry. She was a senior casting director at CBC TV for years on shows like Anne of Green Gables and Road to Avonlea and has cast actors like Peter O'Toole, Russell Crowe and Helena Bonham Carter for feature films. She has also written and produced her own hit play, Yeats in Love, which played in Dublin, Ireland, and in Ontario.

Now with the recent premiere of her film Iron Road, Tait has finally conquered the role of film producer as



Producer Anne Tait and script co-writer Barry Pearson on a film set.

well.

The film, which screened as a two-part mini-series on CBC Aug. 9 and 16, represents a labour of love nine years in the making for Tait who wanted to shed light on the harrowing story of Chinese railroad workers in Canada in the late 1800s.

Iron Road was produced in tandem with mainland China and cost more than \$12 million to create, with filming split between China

and the mountains of British Columbia.

Tait says her experience as a casting director definitely helped her ease into the role of producer.

"Every actor has an ego and you have to have a lot of tact to know what different approaches to use with different people. A producer has to have the financial savvy to raise money and the ability to understand the needs of creative people.

Backstage Pass

You have to have a creative vision," Tait said.

While Tait learned the ins and outs of casting directing on the job, she credits her Masters degree in English from the University of Toronto for helping her hone the skills necessary to successfully head up a film production.

Despite having succeeded as a film producer, Tait is not yet ready to give up casting directing. "The thing that always interested me the most was choosing the actors. I love seeing wonderful actors get a role and seeing wonderful performances from someone unexpected," Tait said.

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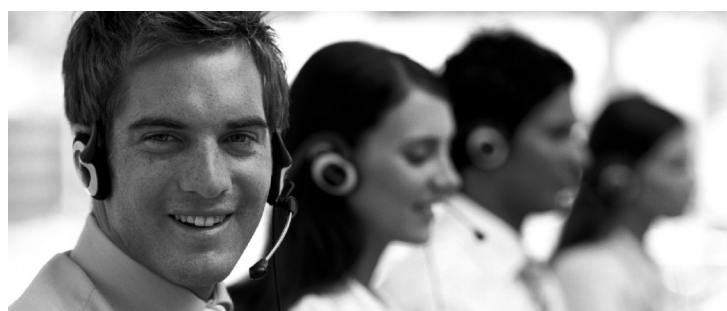
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Reno Rebate

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Stay organized

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Time is now for fireplace installation: Expert

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Although it may seem too warm to even fathom the idea of installing a fireplace, now's the time to do it.

Smart people will look into it now, before chilly nights start to set in, said Dave Petersen, an expert at Ottawa's Home Fireplaces and Patio Inc.

"It gets so busy in the fall," said Petersen. Although many installations can be done in one day, jobs can get backed up in the fall and winter, be-

cause "everyone wants one before Christmas," he said.

Fireplaces give a warm feel to living rooms and family rooms, Petersen said. And while gas fireplaces remain popular, Petersen said the contemporary linear look is most popular right now.

"Instead of having fake logs, people are celebrating a gas fire," Petersen said. "We're still selling the more traditional fake log look, but we seem to be moving into the contemporary. Gas fires are blue, and they have crystals and stones instead of logs."

Many of these fireplaces



Fireplaces give a warm feel to rooms, and designs can include stainless steel trim, far right.



have reflective panels on the backs and sides to reflect the light, he added. And to complete the contemporary look, many people go for stainless steel trims.

These fireplaces can be and are installed in new and old houses for both heating and aesthetics. While a gas fireplace can run you between \$5,000 and \$10,000, people will

see payback in the form of savings.

"People notice a decrease in their gas bill," Petersen said. "It's cheaper because ... it heats the area you want to be in."

If you're in the market for a gas fireplace, go shopping armed with information, Petersen advised.

"The more information you have, the better," he said. "If you have a rough sketch and a floor plan of where its going to be, bring it. Know if you're replacing a wood-burning factory unit."

In the end, most people are pretty happy with their fireplaces.

Gas-burning units are more efficient than wood-burning units, he said. "Some of those real wood burning units are actually negative efficient."

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Macerating toilet a budget-friendly fix

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Time is running out however, so homeowners looking to take advantage need to act fast, as the credit period ends on Feb. 1, 2010.

Even with the credit, and the steep discounts being offered by the major hardware retailers, many homeowners are still unable to

spend large sums on renovation projects, so keeping bathroom additions low-cost is key.

If you're looking to add a bathroom to your home, but are working with a limited budget, start by doing your homework when it comes to selecting materials and contractors.

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Macerating toilets provide homeowners with an economical solution when



Installing a macerating toilet is a great budget-friendly option, as it eliminates the need to create below-floor drainage.

conventional plumbing fixtures are impossible or cost-prohibitive to install.

"Renovating or adding a second or third bathroom has always been a great way to increase the value of your home," says Michael Polzler, executive vice-president, regional director, RE/MAX Ontario-Atlantic Canada.

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Often though, homeowners are forced to compromise on either budget or bathroom positioning due to the high cost of the work required to run drain lines.

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Pet's best rides

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Genesis Coupe: Rear-drive beauty

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

During a recent summer-hot-spell, I visited a local creamery for a giant ice-cream cone. While my artery-clogging snack was being prepared, I didn't notice the crowd gathering in the parking lot around the electric blue Hyundai Genesis Coupe 2.0T I drove there.

Turns out this was the wrong car to try and eat an ice cream beside. The dozen or so folks standing around had plenty of questions — and my treat turned into a drippy mess before I could answer them all.

If you want the scoop on the Genesis Coupe, please read this FAQ. That way, other Genesis drivers can enjoy their summertime ice-cream in peace.

Ever sexy. Is that really a Hyundai?

It is indeed! In fact, it's probably the sexiest car Korea's ever built. It's a real looker — very wide, low, menacing, and detailed, with a fantastic stance.

You can get a V8 in this, right?

No, that's the Genesis Sedan. The four-door comes with a 280 horse-

If you're looking for an affordable rear-drive sport compact with a back seat, the Hyundai Genesis Coupe is one of your few options.



The interior is nice to look at, driver-centric without being crowded, and roomy.

power V6 or a 375 horsepower V8. Both are automatic.

The Coupe gets a 2.0 litre four cylinder "world" engine with a turbocharger, good for 210 horsepower. There's a 3.8 litre V6 with 306 horsepower available. Both can be had in automatic or six-speed manual.

How's it go?

Not bad at all. The turbo four cylinder is a decent entry-level engine, though

it's far from a head-pinning drag racer. Just don't go picking on your buddy with the Mustang GT.

The four cylinder unit is very responsive coming out of a light, and the turbo works nicely to increase responsiveness when cruising at a good highway clip too. Unfortunately, the engine is no pinnacle of refinement.

Is that rear-wheel drive?

Yes! If you're looking for an affordable rear-drive sport compact with a back seat, it's one of your few options.

Rear-drive is a novelty in this market as much as it's a very real criteria for some shoppers. It has benefits in handling and performance potential.

Plus, your friends with Civics and Cobalts will se-

cretely be jealous that your car can drift — like in those YouTube videos.

What's the interior like?

Hyundai's created a genuine coupe cockpit in here. It's nice to look at, driver-centric without being crowded, and surprisingly roomy. The wide body means plenty of knee and shoulder room, and the back seats can actually be used by human beings.

What about the handling?

A nice balance between

sportiness and comfort, though not quite an ultra-precise asphalt scalpel. The Genesis rides commendably and delivers the feel of balance and sharpness that attracts enthusiasts to rear-drive cars.

Do you like it?

Yes! But it's not perfect. The trunk opening is small, the rearward visibility is somewhat limited, and the turning circle is pretty clumsy. Also, the engine sound starts to invade the cabin at higher speeds.

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AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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Month of beer festivals

This September, Colorado will host not one but three beer-related festivals. There's the 16th annual Telluride Blues & Brews Festival, tellurideblues.com, from Sept. 18-20; the Denver Beer Fest, denverbeerfest.com, from Sept. 18-27; and the Great American Beer Festival, greatamericanbeerfestival.com, also held in Denver, from Sept. 24-26.

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Ten out of 10

At Winnipeg's iconic Fort Garry Hotel, Ten Spa offers up a luxurious experience

ANNE DIMON
for Metro Canada



As I walk into Ten Spa, on the tenth floor of Winnipeg's landmark Fort Garry Hotel, what pops into my mind is that it's surprisingly elegant.

I'd heard only good things, but hadn't expected it to be so upscale. As far as spas go, it's less what one might expect in Winnipeg and more like New York meets Vegas.

In the lounge, white leather settees (some grouped together and surrounded by gauzy white sheers for semi-privacy), rich dark woods and a wall of multi-toned brown and beige mosaic tiles set a sophisticated environment.

While awaiting services — the full gamut of massages, bodywork and es-



Left, the lounge at Ten Spa features white leather settees with gauzy white privacy sheers. Right, the spa's large, mosaic-tiled co-ed hammam.

thetics offered in 11 treatment rooms plus a mani/pedi area overlooking the cityscape and the historic Forks Market — guests snack on dried fruit, cookies, muffins and dates.

A spa menu of more substantial offerings is available, and champagne and dessert can be pre-ordered.

Modern and stylish, the spa is indeed a beautiful space, but it's the large and



lovely mosaic-tiled co-ed hammam and the hot-air bathing ritual that really gives Ten its point of distinction. Massage therapist Mario Digirolamo escorts me to the heated hammam

tea room to acclimatize. Here, in this tiny, comfy space, guests warm themselves while nibbling on Turkish sweets and sipping traditional mint-flavoured Moroccan tea.

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Flutter by Natural History Museum

LONDON London's Natural History Museum has come alive this summer with a Butterfly Jungle exhibition, running until Sept. 27. The show gives visitors the chance to talk like a spider, hang out like a sloth and swing with the monkeys as they journey from the forest floor to the jungle canopy, meeting some of the creatures that live there along the way.

Visitors will travel through the foliage and heat of the rainforest, meeting inhabitants such as Charlie the green iguana and Sumo the ornate horned frog. At the end of this journey they will reach the highlight of the exhibition: a walk among hundreds of live moths and butterflies from all over the world.

The Butterfly Jungle is aimed at families and schools with children aged between five and 11, but is entertaining for people of any age.

REUTERS

National Parks documentary

Fans of documentary maker Ken Burns will want to keep an eye out for his new six-episode series, The National Parks: America's Best Idea, which will begin airing on PBS stations starting Sept. 27. For more details, see pbs.org/nationalparks. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Top record-breaking hotels

For travellers who like a hotel with a superlative attached, online hotel specialist hotels.com has come with a list of record-breaking hotels. All have the "est" factor.

1 World's Tallest Hotel — Burj Al Arab, Dubai: Currently the tallest operating hotel in the world until it is surpassed by Dubai's Rose Tower later this year, the Burj Al Arab stands 321 metres high. A self-rated seven-star hotel built on a man-made island 280 metres from shore, Burj Al Arab also boasts its own Rolls Royce fleet, Versace bedspreads, and private shopper and helicopter landing platform.

2 World's Largest Hotel (by no. of rooms) — The Palazzo Resort Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas: The Palazzo Resort Hotel & Casino, which operates under the same license as The Venetian hotel next door, has 8,108 rooms combined. The hotel is like a mini city, with a large selection of restaurants, fashion stores, its own casino, and seven pools.

3 World's Oldest Hotel — Hoshi Ryokan, Komatsu, Japan: The Hoshi Ryokan has been in operation for over



Dubai's Burj Al Arab is the world's tallest hotel.

1,300 years. The 100-room hotel has been run by the same family for 46 generations.

4 World's Most Expensive Hotel Room — Royal Villa at Grand Resort Lagonissi, Athens, Greece: Featuring a butler, chef and pianist, the Royal Villa at Grand Resort Lagonissi is the world's most expensive hotel room at \$50,000 a night. The room overlooks the Aegean Sea, which you can view from a private pool with a hydro

massage device. The resort also has a private Lear jet.

5 World's Most Expensive Hotel to Build — Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi: The Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi, which opened in 2005, cost over \$3 billion to build with silver, gold and marble used throughout the hotel and the 1,002 chandeliers made from Swarovski crystals.

6 World's Largest Hotel Room — Royal Suite in the Grand Hills Hotel Spa, Broummana, Lebanon: The Royal Suite in the Grand Hills Hotel & Spa is set over six floors for a total 8,000 square metres. Half is living space, and the rest two swimming pools, a garden, terrace and pavilions.

7 World's Coldest Hotel — Icehotel, Jukkasjärvi, Sweden: The Icehotel has rooms built entirely from ice and snow, decorated with handcrafted ice art and sculptures, an ice chapel licensed for marriages and baptisms, and two restaurants serving a range of Lappish and Swedish dishes. Activities include snowmobile trips, northern lights tours, and dog sled tours. **REUTERS**



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Sierra High Route a rewarding trek

Hiking through a trail-less wilderness where cell-phones don't work and help is days away may not be everyone's idea of a great vacation.

But for those willing to find their own way and do the hard work of climbing into the high country, the Range of Light offers the rich reward of a constant succession of jaw-dropping landscapes.

The eastern California mountain chain, made famous by the 19th-century naturalist John Muir and photographer Ansel Adams, is seen at its best from the Sierra High Route, a 314-kilometre, south-to-north journey that visits the range's peaks, valleys, lakes and gorges while avoiding popular tourist areas.

Steve Roper, author of the only guidebook on the route, was so concerned about preserving the wilderness experience that he devised an itinerary that avoids trails for about half of its length.

In trail-less sections, hikers must use map and a compass (or GPS, if they insist) to navigate rocky pass-



A hiker makes his way across the Sierra High Route, a high-altitude journey through California's Sierra Nevada mountains.

es, cross the snow fields that linger long into summer, wade through rivers and creeks, and pick their way through fields of boulders known as taluses.

And they won't get a whole lot of help from Roper, since he deliberately avoids detailed route descriptions so that hikers get the maximum reward from their wilderness experience by blazing their own trail.

"We are not sheep," Roper said. "We want to have some pride in finding our own way. Route-finding is

one of the great pleasures."

He conceded that he has had some complaints from readers that his route descriptions are not clear enough since the book, published by The Mountaineers Books, first appeared in 1982, but he makes no apology for making his readers take responsibility for their own navigation.

"It makes you think," said Roper, 68, who has been wandering the Sierras since 1954. "It's good for humans to think."

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Steve Roper, guidebook author

One such complaint came from this reporter when trying to find his way up a steep talus slope and over a pass during a hailstorm in late July.

A difficult section of about a mile was rendered by just one three-line sentence in the guidebook, forcing a party of four to simply figure it out.

We finally crested the pass to find the view we wanted to see — a magnificent panorama over the nearby Bench Canyon.

Our destination was also confirmed by a small stone cairn left by previous hikers, although such landmarks offend Roper as a violation of the wilderness, so he encourages readers to destroy them. **REUTERS**

Hot and steamy in Winnipeg

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This is also where the spa robe is exchanged for a traditional pestemal — think a checkered tablecloth that you wrap around your torso — before entering the hammam.

Wearing the pestemal, you shower and give yourself a sea salt scrub before lying down on a raised and heated marble platform for the wash with a traditional handmade olive oil-based soap.

That's followed by a brisk brushing with a gommage, which is a rough glove, then another scrub with soap. Overhead, tiny (read: tasteful) twinkling lights give the feeling that you're staring up at the night sky from someplace with one very humid climate. Soft strains of Middle Eastern music add to the experience.

Every few minutes a spew of steam keeps the hammam at a sweltering 45 C. If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the hammam. Seriously.

Suddenly, a cool wave washes over me — literally — as Maria gently dumps water from a traditional Turkish container, called a tas, over my soaped-up skin. Even if you don't like to be doused gently with cool water, it's so hot in

here you'll welcome it.

Then, there's a scheduled "time out" to rehydrate and you can take the break back in the tea room or in the hammam itself with a bottle of iced water or a cool shower.

Next, in one of the hammam's private rooms, there's another scrub down with olive oil soap followed by a massage. One of the massage "tools" is a fine cotton pillow filled with air and olive oil suds. Imagine how it might feel to be massaged with a cloud — very unusual. A few therapist-guided stretches complete the hammam part of the treatment.

Then there's a 20-minute "relax" in the Quiet Room, which is elegantly cozy with pearl grey walls, candlelight and more white leather furnishings, which are roomy enough to allow quests to stretch out and nap. Those who have just emerged from the hammam are served an ayran (a mix of yogurt, sea salt and spring water) to help replenish the electrolytes lost along with toxins in the heat of the hammam.

Feeling good — and squeaky clean — I leave Ten Spa to explore the rest of this pleasantly surprising city.

Anne Dimon is a spa and wellness travel writer and editor of traveltowellness.com

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High on Albania's mountains

A century ago, a famed British travel writer fell in love with the rugged villages of traditional stone houses in northern Albania, a region she praised for its magnificent isolation.

Theth is just as rugged and pure today as when Edith Durham visited in 1909.

Following a century of wars, Stalinist rule and economic turmoil, the villagers see its remoteness as a lure for foreigners seeking the thrill of escape.

Theth's traditional two-story stone houses, known as "kullas," with steep wooden roofs are nestled in a valley and the lower slopes of mountains covered with beech, pine and other trees below.

The peaks tower above at 2,000 to 2,694 metres, where pockets of snow linger throughout the year.

"I think no place where human beings live has given me such an impression of majestic isolation from all the world," Durham, one of the first outsiders to

visit the area, wrote in her 1909 book *High Albania*.

Westerners seeking pristine nature pass by Durham's portrait carved on a stone relief and bearing the words Highland Queen on the road to Theth among a crown of rugged peaks.

On a recent day, Czech tourist Andrej Rapant, whose father organises tours to Theth, was one of a dozen people who had pitched a tent in a

plum tree orchard by the river. He came to Albania to get away to the mountains but avoid the tourists who crowd the Alps in Central Europe every summer.

"We are looking for pure na-



ture and find it in these mountains, because it is so natural," he said. After generations of rugged self-reliance, local highlanders were sceptical about the tourist potential of their region.

Three years ago, locals told an expert from Germany's GTZ agency which encourages international development that his talk of tourism here was that of "an alien



A view of a plateau in the mountains of northern Albania.

from another planet".

In fact, many local landlords had already abandoned the region, citing the lack of power, the absence of schools and doctors, a road blocked by winter snow and other woes.

GTZ official Ismail Beka issued a televised appeal to discuss tourism, and

agency experts advised locals how to spruce up their stone houses to receive guests and treat them to local meat, dairy products, honey and tea.

Seven families accepted GTZ's offer of 2,000 euros (\$2,855) worth of beds, toilets and showers. Three years on, everyone now wishes they had done the same.

"Money was the smallest thing we invested there," Beka said. "We spent time and energy to win hearts; a big thing was achieved with little.

Some 5,000 people came last year." **REUTERS**



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With her American Idol judging career behind her, Paula Abdul has inked her first post-Simon gig. Abdul will be hosting VH1's Divas special, which will air Sept. 17 and features Kelly Clarkson, Miley Cyrus, Leona Lewis and others. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment

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HBO mulls show on sex column

TV HBO is considering a show based on Savage Love, the sex advice column syndicated in alternative weeklies.

In his blog for Seattle's The Stranger, columnist Dan Savage said he has been working on "a non-airing presentation pilot for HBO" that would be called Savage Love.

Savage said the possible show "will focus on current events and cultural trends with sex as the filter."

He added: "I'm hoping to bring a new kind of conversation to TV about sex ... one that's informed without being (too) wonky, funny without being (too) cruel, sexy without being (too) cheesy."

REUTERS

The return of 3-D thrills

Film format has produced its share of gimmicks and gags over the years

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

With 3-D movies slowly taking over multiplexes and glasses-free 3-D televisions only a few years away, it seems like the format is entering a renaissance.

Given all the hype surrounding 3-D, it's easy to forget that it was once regarded as little more than a gimmick used to bump up the grosses of B-grade sci-fi and horror movies.

Movie feature

This weekend's The Final Destination returns 3-D back to its roots by enlivening a cheesy horror film with visual 3-D gags. With that in mind, we take a look back at some of the great — and not-so-great — horror films and thrillers to be released in 3-D.

The Creature From The Black Lagoon (1954) This classic Universal monster movie has been a staple of costume parties and horror-themed toys for years. But it's often forgotten that the original film was one of the great 3-D hits of the '50s. Though the monster itself is still one of the most memorable to ever be put on screen, the movie is probably best viewed today for nostalgia and camp value.

Dial M For Murder (1954) Alfred Hitchcock briefly dabbled in 3-D with this classic stage adaptation. Rather than simply using 3-D to prod at the audience with pointy objects, Hitchcock used it subtly to create a picture box image that recreated the appearance of watching a stage play. Hitchcock's careful depth-focused framing is quite atmospheric, and yes the master of suspense does include a few pop-up effects to make the audience jump (how could he resist?). Even though the



Final Destination returns 3-D back to its roots by enlivening a cheesy horror film with visual 3-D gags.

movie represents one of the most effective examples of 3-D filmmaking, it's rarely screened in its original format.

Andy Warhol's Flesh For Frankenstein (1973) This

Andy Warhol produced, Paul Morrissey directed trashy horror flick is a self-conscious camp classic. Every scene features hilariously convoluted

ridiculously over the top acting, and buckets of fake blood. The quite funny and oddly sexualized Frankenstein reboot should really

be seen in any format, but thrives in 3-D where it's just that much sillier. You haven't lived until you've seen Udo Kier deliver his endless dying monologue while a giant spike pokes through his chest, dangling his heart over the audience. Priceless.

Jaws 3-D (1983) and Friday The 13th 3-D (1982) For a while, horror franchises couldn't resist releasing their third film outings in 3-D (the title change was just too easy). Jaws 3 and Friday The 13th Part 3 are probably the most famous examples. Both movies are filled with 3-D gags and little else, but have barely been seen in 3-D since the '80s. Instead, generations of kids have simply wondered why stuff keeps jutting out towards the camera for no apparent reason.

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TLC to perform at Timberlake benefit concert

The two surviving members of TLC, the record-breaking, four-time R&B Grammy winners, are set to play a show on U.S. soil for the first time in seven years — as part of a benefit concert hosted by Justin Timberlake. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Food habits revisited

W show advises Canadians on healthy lifestyle

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada



Battling plump-making pounds has long been the work of diet and exercise, but Scottish nutrition guru Gillian McKeith says the way to a healthy weight and fit form goes beyond food.

"There's a huge emotional component when it comes to food," says McKeith. "When I first started out, I realized you can get good results with just the food, but you don't get great results. You have to address these other issues, otherwise you will end up getting to a plateau and be stuck."

McKeith is helping out-of-shape Canadians acknowledge the emotional path that lead them to unhealthy lifestyles on the new program *Eat Yourself Sexy*, which premieres Sept. 2 on W Network.

"You may not be able to change the past, but at least acknowledging it is very important to moving away, letting go and moving on," she says. Baggage ranging from fractured relationships with a parent or partner, through stress at work, to the death of a pet are all factors McKeith says may contribute to developing an unhealthy body. When she sees clients, she gives them an onion to symbolize such setbacks in one's life.



Scottish nutrition guru Gillian McKeith will be helping Canadians in *Eat Yourself Sexy*.

Eat Yourself Sexy premieres Sept. 2 on W Network

"That is to represent your original self — your core. It doesn't matter if you're rich, poor, old or young; Sometimes you will hold onto things that hold you back," she says. "We want to peel back all the layers of all the holding."

But McKeith's focus exceeds the individual. On *Eat Yourself Sexy*, she places equal emphasis on partners of the profiled women, believing they'll inevitably be left behind in the relationship if they don't co-operate.

"I want the relationship to grow, not to go," she

"There's a huge emotional component when it comes to food."

Gillian McKeith

says. "They have to really support in a way they haven't done before so they can nourish and nurture that relationship." In addition to insisting they make similar dietary changes, McKeith gives partners tasks like buying groceries, chopping vegetables or growing sprouted seeds.

And it's not just relationships McKeith says will be-

come healthier as a result of her regiment. She recalls a woman depicted on the program named Erica who had developed type 2 diabetes, as a result of unhealthy eating habits. "Her freezer was mooing," she says. "It was like there'd been a slaughter at the zoo! There was every meat you could ever think of."

Within two weeks of following McKeith's plan, she says Erica's blood sugar levels had come down, and reverted to normal within two months.

"You can really make a major dent in your health for the better by adopting the lifestyle I am talking about."

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Avatar unveiled

Reaction to Cameron's latest recalls Titanic forecasts

James Cameron has raised the curtain a bit on Avatar, his 3-D journey into the future of filmmaking.

The first public look at footage from his upcoming sci-fi epic was decked out in the latest techno trappings: an online trailer, offered in HD, and 16 minutes of footage on 3-D Imax screens. Inevitably, they were met by a chorus of tweets and Facebook updates offering instant rushes to judgment.

Although Cameron is determined to be cutting-edge, the weekend chatter sounded like so much déjà vu. New media might be edging out old media, but the conversation surrounding Avatar isn't all that different from the talk that preceded the director's Titanic 12 years ago.

Consider Avatar first. When the 2-D trailer went online Thursday, demand was instantaneous: 20th Century Fox reported that Avatar quickly became the most downloaded trailer at Apple.com, where it triggered a record four million streams its first day.

The Twitterverse speaks

- I saw the #Avatar preview too and I've seen Ferngully. Comparing them is like comparing a '99 Cabernet to a boxed white zin. —@wrior-prncs
- #Avatar previews were

amazing. trailer does it no justice. —@douginesses

• I saw the #Avatar trailer on the big screen today. THIS is what all the fuss is about? Final Fantasy Movie 2.0? —@doloresm

The fans immediately began weighing in. On Twitter, there were plenty of exclamations of "Amazing!"; there also were cries of "CG crap!" The first hundred or so instant pundits who compared the footage to such animated fantasies as Delgo and FernGully were sort of amusing; the next few thousand or so, not so much.

Because the Web commentariat specializes in snark, sites like Spout.com quickly threw up pages like "10 Movies Avatar Unfortunately Resembles." The Na'vi, the blue-skinned, 10-foot-tall natives of Cameron's imagined planet Pandora, drew comparisons to Jar Jar Binks, the universally reviled CG comic relief in

Star Wars: The Phantom Menace.

The run-up to Avatar's Dec. 18 debut is more than a little reminiscent of the establishment skepticism that preceded Titanic.

Back then, movie sites like AintItCoolNews were in their infancy, and mainstream media was firmly in control of the discourse. It snickered that everyone already knew Titanic's ending. It became fixated on the \$200 million-plus budget. It seized upon mishaps like a bout of food poisoning on the Nova Scotia set as evidence of production woes. Assessing the movie's commercial prospects, Entertainment Weekly sniffed, "No A-list box-office stars."

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Crash Course

What is it about obstacle courses that seems to have captured the imagination of producers and viewers? Unlike "Wipeout," in which players must traverse a hilarious obstacle course on foot, this new series features couples competing in extreme driving challenges across what the network is calling an "outrageous" obstacle course for a cash prize. 9:02 PM on 20 ABC

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MOVIES Hancock 2 is taking shape. Columbia Pictures has hired screenwriters Adam Fierro and Glen Mazzara to pen the sequel to the Will Smith superhero movie, which grossed \$624 million worldwide last year. The original producing team is expected to return. Plot details are being kept under wraps.

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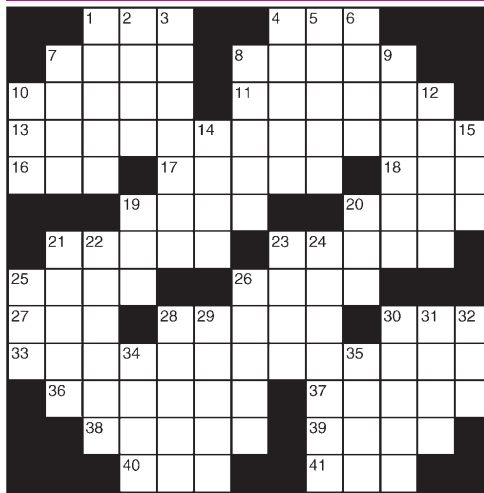
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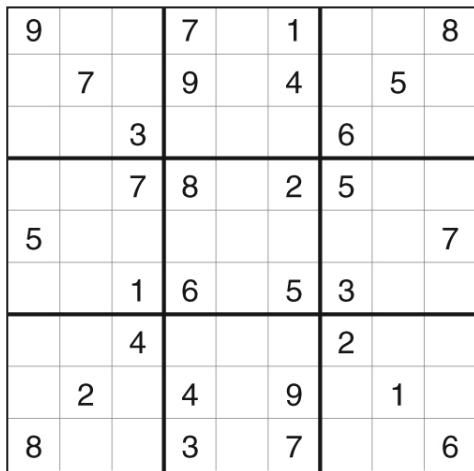
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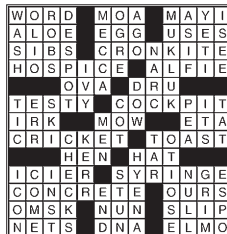
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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped onion
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) butter
- 3 cups (750 ml) soft bread cubes
- 2 cups (500 ml) finely chopped apples
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) finely chopped celery
- 2 tsp (10 ml) minced fresh parsley
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt, divided
- 6 bone-in pork loin chops
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) pepper
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil

METHOD:

1. In small skillet, sauté onion in butter until tender. Remove from heat; add bread cubes, apples, celery, parsley and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt.
2. Cut pocket in each chop by making horizontal cut through meat almost to bone. Sprinkle inside and outside with pepper and remaining salt. Spoon stuffing loosely into pockets.

3. In large skillet, brown chops on both sides in oil. Place in large ungreased baking pan.
4. Cover and bake at 350 F (180 C) for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake for 30 minutes longer or until meat thermometer reads 160 F (71 C) when inserted into meat and juices run clear.
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You have muddled through long enough and unless you get your affairs in order the muddle you're in could cost you dear.
SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
It may seem as if you are on a steep learning curve at the moment but you are up to the challenge.

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MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't let other people's doubts hold you back. If there is something you desire then go after it with all you've got.
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You may be having second thoughts about something that only yesterday seemed such a good idea.
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You are advised not to take what you hear on the work front seriously today.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You speak your mind without fear or favor and the planets indicate you will be even more outspoken than usual today.
AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You need to stretch yourself mentally today, especially as you have been involved in some rather trivial matters of late.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't take anything on trust today because others will take advantage of you if they think they can get away with it.
PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You need to make an effort to talk to people who can help you reach your full potential.



Musician Nick Jonas admits he has aspirations beyond pop music — and they include being the leader of the free world. “I’ve always said that I would like to be president,” the 16-year-old told CNN. “It’s kind of my whole thing. I’m starting the campaign now.” **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz



Anti-reality show Candy gets her own show

IRONY After bashing her daughter, Tori, for using her two kids as “reality show props,” it looks like Candy Spell

is getting her own show, usmagazine.com reports. Spelling tells radaronline.com her own show is “sort

of” in the works, and added that it would be “scripted.”

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Shia’s film co-star his new fling?

WORKING RELATIONSHIP Shia LaBeouf and Carey Mulligan, co-stars of Oliver Stone’s *Wall Street* sequel, *Money Never Sleeps*, may also be a

pair, people.com reports. The two were spotted cuddling and kissing Sunday at Extra Virgin, a sidewalk café in the heart of Greenwich Village. LaBeouf’s rep had no comment.

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Oprah planning NYC bash?

WITH A BANG Oprah Winfrey is planning to shut down parts of a New York City highway next year for a mammoth block party to celebrate the tenth anniversary of her magazine, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The media mogul launched *O, The Oprah Magazine* nine years ago — and is planning a major party for next May to celebrate the long-running title.

According to E! Online, Winfrey is looking to

shut down portions of the city’s West Side Highway for a block party for all her fans — in addition to a star-studded musical revue scheduled at Radio City Music Hall.

A City Hall official has confirmed Winfrey has made permit enquiries for the event; however, the star has so far refused to confirm any details.

Her spokesperson said, “While it is too soon to discuss specifics, we are looking forward to celebrating in a big way.”

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jon: Reality show an obligation

WORSE THAN A DAY JOB? Jon Gosselin wouldn’t mind punching the clock instead of appearing on a hit TLC reality show, usmagazine.com reports.

“I wish I had a 9 to 5 job instead of the nightmare I’m living. This is 24/7,” he told usmagazine.com outside his \$1.1-million US Pennsylv-

ania home Monday. “I don’t even want to do taping for the show anymore.”

But Gosselin says he’s stuck filming and doing promotional appearances to make as

much money as possible. (A source also tells the current issue of *Us Weekly* that he’s “suspicious” Kate is hiding cash ahead of their divorce proceedings. They make an estimated \$75,000 US per episode.)

“I have two houses and eight children to take care of and I need to work,” he told *Us*. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Move over Liam, MiCy’s got a new guy

SERIAL DATER? The last we heard about Miley Cyrus’ dating life was less than a week ago when he was reportedly spotted sharing a kiss with Liam Hemsworth, her onscreen love interest in the upcoming flick *The Last Song*, online.com reports.

But whatever the two may have had going on wasn’t serious, the website muses. Within a couple of hours of

landing back in L.A. from the Georgia set, Cyrus was on a date with a new guy, online.com added.

The 16-year-old starlet went to the Kings of Leon concert with Carter Jenkins, 17, an actor she briefly dated before she was with underwear model Justin Gaston.

Shortly after Cyrus and Jenkins arrived for the star-studded show, se-

curity escorted them to join Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel in the best seats in the house — the technician’s booth.

Later, the foursome was spotted going backstage for a VIP after-party.

Carter tweeted after the concert, “KOL killed it. Awesome show & very fun night with MiCy @miley Cyrus.”

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They grow up so fast: Denise

MOTHERHOOD Denise Richards is upset her daughters are going to school, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

She says spending time away from her daughters — Sam, five, and four-year-old Lola — is “bittersweet. Sami starts kindergarten, which I cannot believe, in a couple of weeks. I’m so sad about it.”

Richards, 38, is shocked at

how quickly the girls have grown up, especially Sam. She said: “I can’t believe how fast five years have gone ... Here on out she’s in school.”

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Katherine pregnant?

RUMOUR MILL

Katherine Heigl sparked pregnancy rumours after she and husband Josh Kelley were seen shopping for strollers this weekend, according to *Hollyscoop*.

The actress also gave up her usual cigarette for a lollipop

and was wearing a loose-fitting turquoise dress that could be hiding a baby bump. Her rep had no comment.

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Amy sues in-law for leaking letter

Amy Winehouse is seeking \$80,000 in damages and suing her former mother-in-law, Georgette Fielder-Civil, for copyright infringement after she sold a personal letter Winehouse wrote to Blake Fielder-Civil while he was in prison. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Celebrity Buzz

Robin's next role: Susan Boyle?

HILARITY Robin Williams putting on a dress to play Britain's Got Talent star Susan Boyle in a biopic? It may sound ridiculous, but the actor says it's a possibility.

"I've been asked if I want to play Susan in the movie," Williams told the Daily Telegraph. "I think she's incredible." Williams has reportedly been entertaining his friends with impressions of

Boyle with a thick Scottish accent similar to his Mrs. Doubtfire character.

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Melanie's third rehab stint

BACKSLIDE Melanie Griffith is in rehab, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The website says the 52-year-old actress has checked into Utah's Cirque Lodge — where Lindsay Lohan and Kirsten Dunst previously received treatment — to be treated for an undisclosed condition.

Her representative Robin Baum said: "She is there to reinforce her commitment to stay healthy. This is part of a routine plan that was designed between her

and her doctors years ago."

This is Griffith's third stint in a treatment centre. In 1988, she checked in to a facility to help her battle addictions to alcohol and cocaine. In 2000, she sought help for an addiction to painkillers which she developed after taking medication for a neck injury, the gossip website says.

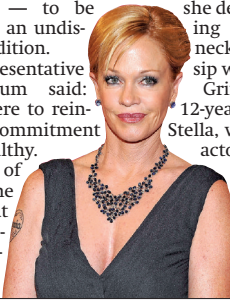
Griffith — who has a 12-year-old daughter, Stella, with her husband, actor Antonio Banderas — has previously said her family has been instrumental in helping her deal with her person-

al problems. She also has a 24-year-old son, Alexander, and 19-year-old daughter, Dakota, from previous relationships.

It has been claimed her latest stay in rehab came at the insistence of Banderas, who feared her life was spiralling out of control.

A source is quoted by gossip blogger Perez Hilton as saying: "The reason Melanie checked in was her husband was demanding that she get clean and sober. He told her that if she didn't get the help she needed it would be the end of their marriage."

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TomKat-inspired uniforms?

SARTORIAL The designers creating the new uniforms for the Church of Scientology staff members didn't have to look far for inspiration, taking their cues from high-profile church members Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise, according to the Guardian.

"In its entirety, the uniform

embodies the essence of international style, at home in Rome or London, but not out of place in Nashville or Inglewood, and equally well suited to South Africa and Australia," promotional material for the new outfits explained.

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Britney is my musical muse: Heidi

DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR?

Heidi Montag's debut performance at the Miss Universe pageant reminded a lot of people of Britney Spears' infamous snake-charming routine at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards, and Montag insists it's no accident.

"I grew up watching Britney Spears. That's someone I inspire to be, you know, like, career-wise," Montag told Access Hollywood after the show.

"I think the world is ready for the next pop star and I'm ready to be the next pop galaxy, so here we go."

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Celebrity tweets

Miley Cyrus laments the less-enjoyable parts of her job, **Ashton Kutcher** gets a kick out of his public persona, **John Mayer** ignores instructions and **Tila Tequila** gets philosophical.

* **@mileycyrus** I am so over taking pictures. I am NOT made to be a "model"

* **@aplusk** I love that I'm described as the beer drinking party boy with no cash lol!!!

* **@johncmayer** Smucker's Uncrustables peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are to be thawed and not microwaved. But I'm high now!

* **@officialTila** You're nobody to Somebody and somebody to nobody.

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Jessica's dog a 'lesbian love'?

WILD IMAGINATION Jessica Simpson thinks her dog is a lesbian. The singer-and-actress claims her multi-pooch Daisy — which was a gift from ex-husband Nick Lachey — has found happiness with a hound called Bella, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Alongside a dimly-lit picture of the dogs, Simpson, 29, tweeted: "Daisy and her best friend Bella back together

again. Lesbian loves forever! (sic)"

While Daisy has found love, Simpson is still bitter she's single after being dumped by football star Tony Romo. It was recently reported she had paid a witch she met on the Internet to put a curse on her ex-boyfriend.

A source said: "They lit a candle, burned some incense and performed a couple of incantations."

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Jen uses boy-toys for fame?

THE RICH AND THE FAMOUS It seems fitting that Jennifer Aniston has been spotted holding hands with Gerard Butler. Friends of the actress say she pursues only guys who can keep her as high-profile as possible, us-magazine.com reports.

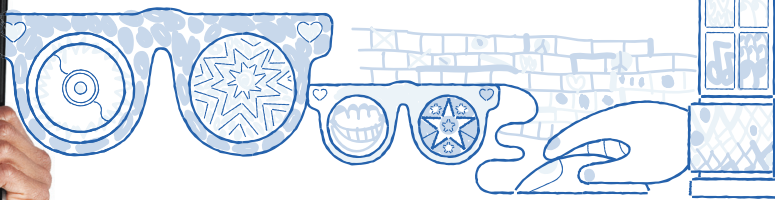
"Jennifer won't date a normal guy," a source told the current issue of Us Weekly of the 40-year-old actress. "She goes after the hottest thing of the moment, what she knows will get her the most

time in the spotlight," the insider continued.

Aniston is currently filming The Bounty Hunter with Gerard Butler, who starred in The Ugly Truth. Before that, she pursued Bradley Cooper, who anchored The Hangover, which has earned more than \$400 million US worldwide since hitting theatres in June.

She's also dated John Mayer (who won five Grammys in 2009 alone) and was married to Brad Pitt.

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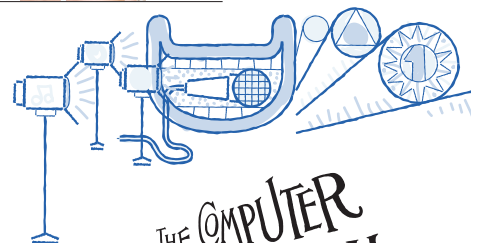
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